

qualify all classes for co-operative, enlightened and manly action in the day of trial.

If we, in North-Carolina, would be independent and happy, with or without the Federal Union, we must be a united, enlightened and virtuous people; but when new national communities are to be formed, it would be madess, in such a momentous crisis, to strike a blow at an institution which, more than any other, is adding nerve and sinew, and all the mighty resources of heart and mind to the body of our people.

As I know from communications from the highest sources, made to me from the North and the South, and from beyond the limits of our country, complimentary to the State and to the movements and efforts of the superintendent, the publications from his office have made a decided impression and excited a lively interest abroad; and while the first educators and the most illustrious laborers in this field, even in the Northern States, can find something in our example to commend, our Southern neighbors are not ashamed to look to us for information.

We are in a most interesting crisis of our fate; let us be true to ourselves, with grateful hearts, receiving and acknowledging the kindness of that Being who will do great things for us and our posterity if we will only make ourselves worthy of them. Let the just and honorable example of your Excellency, so eminently worthy of the first magistrate of North Carolina, be emulated by every class of officers and citizens; and let every cause tending to the moral and material prosperity of the whole community be deeply enshrined in the affections of all the people, and aided and cheered on by their sympathies and co-operative exertions. Availing myself of the occasion to offer to your Excellency and to each member of the Literary Board my sincere acknowledgements for uniform courtesies to me and patriotic interest in the great cause I have the honor to represent,

I have the honor to be, with much respect,

Your obedient servant,

C. H. WILEY,

*Sup. of Com. Schools of North-Carolina.*

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